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Calendar

Wed., June 25	Citizens Association, Town Hall: Mixer, 7:30; forum, 8 pm (see article, p 3)	Fri., Aug. 22	Film society children's film (see p 2), Town Hall, 7 pm
Fri., July 4	4th of July activities (see article, p 9, and poster)	Sat., Aug. 23	Pool crab feast, 5 pm
Sat. July 5	4th of July Parade rain date (parade only; same time)	Mon., Aug. 25	Garrett Park Elementary open house for students/parents to meet teachers; time TBA
Fri., July 11	Film society supper (7 pm) and movie (8 pm), Town Hall	Tues., Aug. 26	Start of public school for the year
Sun., July 13	Hazardous Waste Collection, Shady Grove transfer station, 10 am to 2 pm (see p 10)	Mon., Sept. 1	No trash pickup: Labor Day
Mon., July 14	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Mon., Sept. 8	Town Council meeting; Town Hall, 8 pm
mid-July	Large item trash pickup	Tues., Sept. 9	Lunch Bunch; Town Hall, 12:30 pm <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm
Sun., July 20	Ice Cream Social, Citizens Association, Town Hall, 3–5 pm	Sat., Sept. 20	Coffee House, TBA (see p 4)
		Wed., Sept. 24	Newcomers Welcome, Citizens Association; Town Hall, 8 pm

Town Council Meeting

What do we need to finish up the paving in town? No rain! We learned at the Council meeting that the curbing along Oxford will have to wait until there are four days of uninterrupted sun. (No one mentioned Kenilworth.) The street lighting changes have begun, but not all the brackets have come in to Pepco. As for Penn Place, the new foundation has been put in under the

existing one; construction work should begin outside soon (see article, p 7).

Most of the discussion at this Town Council meeting centered on Penn Place tenants. Maison Maurice has submitted a signed lease, and three people have expressed interest in the office space upstairs. The Town Café is still negotiating to make sure the costs are within its budget.

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Terms for members of the Historic Preservation Committee will expire on July 1, and some new blood would be welcomed. There will be five vacancies. If you would like to serve, call the Town Office (301-933-7488) by July 7. There is good news on the budget: the Town is likely to come in under budget on expenses. Leftover funds will go into the contingency fund. Finally, the Town Council decided to take the month of August off, unless something really radical happens, in which case there will be an emergency meeting. The meeting closed at 9:15 (a record), at which time the lone member of the public (me) was invited to leave before the executive session.

Mary Moyer

Film Society in July

The Garrett Park Film Society has two great events planned. Summer's not the time for Bergman. It's the time for Brooks! Join us for dinner and a movie at the Town Hall on Friday, July 11. Mark your calendars. Git in line for the barbecue, starting at 7 pm. You and your kinfolk will love our vegetarian chili, hot dogs and fixins, beer, etc. Then come inside and watch that cinema classique: Mel Brooks' *Blazing Saddles*, beginning at 8 pm. "Riotously sophomoric Western parody was a huge hit, and remains on many comedy lovers' Top 10 lists. This is movie heaven for Brooks fans and those seeking raunchy, spoofy, tongue-in-cheek humor." But most of you already knew that! As funny as it is to watch this movie at home, we think it'll be way more fun at the Town Hall, among Garrett Park friends and neighbors. All are welcome. Do consider an individual or household membership in the GPFS. Admission is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Join us for Free Family Night at the Movies on Friday, August 22 at 7 pm. The program is undecided as we go to press, but rest assured, it'll be fun stuff for kids of all ages (including grown-ups). Bring your blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, and stuffed animals. Settle in for a fun, family, community activity! We'll be selling hot dogs and pizza, plus movie food and drinks. Come hungry! Details will be posted at the PO and the pool.

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Congratulations, Graduates

The *Bugle* is again delighted to extend congratulations to this year's high school and college graduates. We wish you all the best in the future, whether you continue with your education or enter the job market. If we have inadvertently left someone off this list, please send us any names you know of and we will include them in our September issue.

High school graduates:

Tyler Allard	Richard Montgomery; Princeton
Matt Gordon	Gonzaga College High School; Tulane University, New Orleans
Davis Green	Walter Johnson; plans undecided
Ruth Levy	Walter Johnson; University of Tampa
Lauren May	Connelly School of the Holy Child; Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland
Lauren Morse	Walter Johnson; Davidson College, North Carolina
Taunton Paine	Walter Johnson; plans undecided
Aaron Unterman	Walter Johnson; University of Maryland
Jamie Williams	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart (with honors); University of Maryland

College graduates:

Michael Rosloff	University of Massachusetts (BA, political science); administrative assistant with the Massachusetts Municipal Association in Boston
Dan Schwartz	University of Maryland (BS, environmental science, with honors; Gemstone Certificate); looking for a job
Susanna Quilter	Sarah Lawrence; teaching flute
Simon Wegner	MacAllister (BA, religious studies, minor in geology); hoping to go into building design



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Town Administrator Notes

Councilmember responsibilities. The new Council has divided these up as follows:

Art Bennett

- Conservation trust
- Employee relations: working conditions, salaries and benefits, rights and responsibilities, conditions of employment
- Historic preservation
- Permitting: setbacks, permits, variances
- Town finances: budget, cost management, grants & funding
- *Committees:* Finance, Historic Preservation, Setback Advisory

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- Parks & grounds: maintenance and operations
- Trees
- *Committees:* Arboretum Advisory, Parks & Public Spaces

Elin Quigley

- Community relations: GP Citizens Association, local citizens associations, GP Elementary School, Neighborhood Watch and emergency preparedness, special events, Women’s Club
- Town services: refuse collection, recycling, leaf removal, street sweeping
- *Committees:* GP Citizens Association, Neighborhood Watch, Women’s Club

Carolyn Shawaker

- Government relations: Maryland Municipal League, State delegation, Montgomery County Council
- Penn Place: construction, tenants, operations and management
- GP Swimming Pool
- *Committees:* Penn Place, Pool Association

Hans Wegner

- Roads & sidewalks: maintenance, repair, construction
- Strathmore Avenue project
- Street lighting: Town street lighting project, maintenance
- Snow removal
- Town Hall: operations and maintenance
- *Committees:* Roads, Strathmore Avenue

Ted Pratt

- Town Administrator/Clerk Treasurer

Mayor Peter Benjamin

- Any other matters not identified above

Summer traffic. Not only do we have the normal increase in activity along the Town’s roads that comes with summer—children out of school, warm weather projects, folks coming to visit—we also have the ongoing work at Penn Place, and, of course, the swimming pool is open! Please use extra caution this summer as you drive around Town. If everyone is sensitive to the impact of the parking of friends and workers—not parking too close to a corner or driveway, for example—we can have a safer and less stressful summer.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or need assistance, please call the Town Office or stop by. Have a wonderful summer!

Ted Pratt

Citizens Association Events

June 25: Issues Forum. Got a complaint? Do you have suggestions regarding the improvement of the Town? Come air your views at the upcoming Citizens Association meeting at the Town Hall on June 25. One issue that will be discussed is the way that the sledding hill (Argyle) is plowed (or not plowed) during periods of heavy snow, as well as the requirement that residents shovel the walks in front of their houses. Expect to receive a flyer in the mail on this event, which will be chaired by Association Co-President Gene Brantly.

Mixer! Calling all GP musicians! At 7:30 on June 25 at the Town Hall, before the Association meeting, we invite Garrett Park residents who have musical talent (e.g., singing, playing instruments, whistling, whatever) to meet others who would enjoy making music together. Please join us!

July 4: Celebrations. See the article (p 9) on Independence Day events. All those who are willing to volunteer to make the Fourth a success should call Association Vice-President Matt Stavish at 946-7082.

July 20: Ice Cream Social. Yes, another great production led by Sandra El-Haj. With her and the State Department’s help, 16 international visitors will be coming to Garrett Park (along with 4 interpreters) to meet and socialize with residents, while eating home-made ice cream. The visitors will largely be from Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. The group will consist of upcoming young leaders, including five women. The event will be at the Town Hall from 3 to 5.

Garrett Park Web Site. We have several volunteers who will start work soon to expand and improve the web site. If you would like to help, please contact Gene Brantly by phone or email. We are especially interested in finding teens to take photos and write stories on town events.

Visit Garrett Park’s web site:

www.garrettpark.org/

The Future of the Garrett Park Café?

Lynn Foster established, built, and successfully operated the Garrett Park Café for over 11 years. That's more than just a track record; it's a miracle. She was asked to wait around for well over a year while Penn Place is renovated. At the Town's request, she closed her doors last August, expecting to re-open this September. But it is not at all certain Lynn Foster will be re-opening the Café in the newly renovated Penn Place.

The town government decided it needed to pay a leasing agent to negotiate a lease with her. Lynn does not have "deep pockets." She and the town will incur substantial debt due to the renovation. If you want Lynn's operation to return, let the Council know you want them to provide a lease that will allow her to rebuild the business that she relinquished.

If a new restaurant comes to Penn Place, do you think it will fit in with our unique community as the Garrett Park Café did? If you don't want to risk a change in ownership of the restaurant, then let the town officials and committee members know that. Make sure that they know that we want Lynn, and only Lynn, to carry on the tradition she created.

As a town resident and café owner, Lynn has proven her commitment to helping make Garrett Park the kind of place where it's wonderful to live. Where else in this area can you get a nice glass of wine for \$4.50, with a five-star meal, in such an informal and quaint setting? Maybe someone else could pull it off, but do we want someone else? Doesn't Lynn deserve the best opportunity to succeed in the new space? What might an outside café owner do when a neighborhood child walks in teary eyed from the basketball court with a scraped knee? Would a new owner know the child? Know the parents to call? Or even care? Lynn has done wonderful gestures of kindness for many residents, old and young. She has employed the young and the mature people of Garrett Park. Wedding receptions, happy parties, sad gatherings, Lynn has catered them all, many times on short notice, relieving residents of the guesswork of finding a worthy caterer.

If you agree, let the town government know you do not want a different and unknown commodity to open the new restaurant. The town should do whatever it takes to help Lynn rebuild her business, here in her hometown where she created it. Her dream is here, and we are so lucky for that. She will repay the town a hundredfold.

Jim Williams, Kenilworth Avenue

GP Coffee House

Remember going to a neighborhood hangout, sippin' something tasty, and listening to good music? Well, some of us do. And we want to do it again! Garrett Park is going to host its first ever Coffee House on Saturday, September 20. Our idea is to have musicians signed up ahead of time, as well as an open mike, to let you express yourself in ways you feel most comfortable. We'd like local musicians to help organize the event, which we hope is the first in a long series of pleasant weekend nights listening to good music with friends and neighbors. If you're interested in performing or just in helping out, call David Meredith or Jack Mandel.

Jack Mandel

A big, hearty, sincere thanks to everyone who has made faithful contributions to GIVES. We were unsure how well the envelope system would work, but we are pleased to report that it has been a great success; we have been able to mail checks each month to the American Friends Service Committee and Zacchaeus Community Kitchen. This helps to keep all their worthwhile and meaningful projects going. Since there is no *Bugle* in July or August, and if the weather cooperates, volunteers will sit outside the Post Office one Saturday in July and one in August. The dates will be announced, so watch the bulletin board. In September we will return to the envelopes.

Thanks again. —Glenda Ingham & Henny McDowell

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Arboretum Notes

More New Trees. As reported in the *May Bugle*, the Town's annual program of replacement tree planting is well under way. In addition to the new trees reported last month, the following trees have been planted recently:

- An upright Persian ironwood (*Parrotia persica* 'Vanessa') at 11311 Kenilworth. One of the finest small trees for autumn color. It also has a semiweeping habit; tiny, spider-like red flowers in winter; and lovely flaking bark on mature trees.
- An upright purple beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Dawyck Purple') at 11300 Kenilworth. This tree has an elegant, columnar to slightly oval form.
- A variegated Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata* 'Variegata') at 10701 Keswick Street. This is from the Morris Arboretum near Philadelphia and is not commonly found in this area. It is a lovely tree; a larger specimen, planted in 1998, can be found at 4701 Albemarle.
- A white-blooming redbud (*Cercis canadensis* 'Alba') near the swings at Cambria Park. The white-blooming redbud is quite spectacular when in bloom and is a welcome change from the more common redbuds.
- A specimen of the newly developed hybrid American elm 'Valley Forge' (*Ulmus americana* 'Valley Forge') was planted between 10908 and 10910 Clermont Avenue. This is the second 'Valley Forge' in Town; the first, planted at 11318 Kenilworth, was received from the U.S. National Arboretum, which developed 'Valley Forge' to be resistant to Dutch elm disease. 'Valley Forge' has the classic vase shape of American elms.

25th Anniversary Celebration. We are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Garrett Park Arboretum this October! Set aside the afternoon of October 25 for a tree walk, followed by a celebration reception at the Town Hall. There will be more information in future issues of the *Bugle*. Also watch for notices in the Post Office.

Ivy. With all the recent rain, the ivy, *Hedera helix*, is making a concerted attempt to crawl back up the trunks of many trees in town. There is lots of ivy in Garrett Park, and it can be an attractive groundcover or hide unsightly fences. However, it has several drawbacks. When ivy climbs throughout an older or weak tree, the ivy leaves act like sails in wind or ice storms. This can cause branches to fall or trees to topple. Ivy on walls can attack mortar and/or attract undesirable insects. On the ground in your yard or in our parks, it can smother other plantings or overwhelm native plants. You may want to check your yard for

ivy running amok, especially if it has climbed up your trees. The best way to remove ivy from your trees is to cut the ivy branches completely through about a foot above the ground. Then dig out the roots from around the base of the tree. The remaining ivy crawling up the trunk of the tree will wither and die in about a season. Once the leaves have fallen off, the branches will continue to dry. They will eventually fall from the tree trunk themselves and can then be picked up with your yard waste and recycled.

Ivy is very persistent. An annual inspection and removal of new ivy sprouts growing in unwanted locations is recommended.

GPES News

If you have a child who will be at least 5 by November 30, please get in touch with the Garrett Park school office (301-929-2170) to start the registration procedure (if you know anyone new in the neighborhood with such a child, please pass this along). Don't wait until the end of August, because important documents have to be filed and medical exams given before a child new to the MCPS system can be admitted. School starts before Labor Day this fall, August 26. An open house will be held on Monday, August 25, so that students can come into the building and see who their teachers will be. Also, a kindergarten meeting will be held at 9 am for parents of kindergartners (parents only, please). Bus schedules will be gone over, so please plan to attend if your little one will be coming to school for the first time.

Many changes will happen over the summer. Phyllis Holt (5th), Lynn Berkeley (ESOL), and Cathie Rose (Reading Initiative) are retiring; Tali Weiner (2nd) is going back to college; Mike Zimmerman (3rd) is moving to Raleigh, North Carolina; Sean Sweeney (PE) is getting married and moving to New Jersey; Sam Rothermel (1st) is also getting married, but only moving to Kensington to teach in a private school; and Janis Johnston McKenna (3rd) is moving with her family to Michigan. Carolyn Hush is moving from Reading Initiative to 1st grade, and Amy Pollock is moving from 4th to 2nd grade. There will probably be more changes over the summer as enrollment continues. In August, letters will be sent to parents explaining the staffing. The office will probably be closed for one week in August so that it can be cleaned and the personnel can get a vacation.

Things may get a little tight in the building over the summer. MCPS has contracted to paint the whole inside of the school, even over the new paint job that the PTA did last summer in the multi-purpose room. So in the fall the building should have a new look to it.

Mary Moyer

Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ It's number six! Congratulations to Jackie and Paul Osmond on the birth of their sixth grandchild, born to Kelly (Osmond) and John Gallo of Silver Spring, Maryland. A son was born on May 3 at Holy Cross hospital, the same hospital where his mommy was born. All are doing just fine.
- ♪ If you haven't noticed, the farmer's market is back, and will be here, rain or shine, on Saturday mornings until the weekend before Thanksgiving. They set up right next to the PO trailer.
- ♪ Jane Franklin is back home and doing well after surgery on May 12. Daughter Clare Duran, an expert physical therapist, came from Switzerland for a week to keep an eye on things and help Jane and Ben out. Jane isn't supposed to lift more than 12 pounds for the next 5 weeks.
- ♪ Sandra Abu El-Haj has been nominated by Doug Duncan to serve on the Citizens Advisory Board of Western Montgomery County. She will address the issues of citizens on the county level. Congratulations, Sandra!
- ♪ Patty Berry's 9-year-old made it a nice Mother's Day when he made his mother a card and wrote, "Dear Mom, You are the best Mom. You make me feel good. You are so nice. You are so good at gardening. Roses are red, violets are blue, there is nothing to say how much I love you."
- ♪ A Garrett Park girl is on the Walter Johnson track and field team that won the state championship. She was a member of the relay team that set a state record. They now go on to the national competition. Another winner in town!
- ♪ A note from Barbara Shidler: "While my daughter Connie was here, she was very impressed with the concern and good wishes for me of my friends and neighbors. Now that my brother Gordon is here, he is (also) impressed with everyone's helpfulness. I already know what a great community this is! The drive into Garrett Park after three weeks in the hospital was heaven. I'm now happy to receive calls or brief visits."
- ♪ Condolences to Susannah Roberts of Clyde Avenue on the death of her brother, Peter Hall, on May 25. Peter had been in and out of VA hospitals for years after suffering from the residual effects of being under the Air Force planes coming and going on different bases during the 50's. At times he stayed with his mother in the stone house on Kenilworth, or with Susannah in the chalet. His funeral and burial was at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery on the eastern shore.
- ♪ If anyone has an exciting trip this summer, let Mary know so that we can have a travel report in the fall.

The Fun of Track

This spring I joined the Saint Andrew's CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Track team. I did not really want to go, but my mom said to go to the first practice and see how I liked it. So my brother, cousin, friend, and I went. It was a cold day and our coach, Mr. McKenna, told us to do wind sprints. We did them practically the whole practice. They were hard at first but they got easier.

For the first few practices, I didn't know anyone. After a while, I got to become friends with the other kids. They were good runners and were fun to run around with.

Saturdays were the day for meets that lasted forever. Some of the events that were run at the meets were the long jump, discus, shot-put, 100-yard dash, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, and 1600 m. There were also relays at the meet. One of the down sides was that the meets were so long. One meet was about 9 hours long! A lot of the kids that were from other teams were really fast. We usually lost our relay, but it was ok because we still had fun.

If you did well in the meets, you qualified for the CYO Championship meet. I qualified in the discus. I got third place in my age group. I thought doing this track team was fun because I was doing it with a lot of kids that were fun to play around with and were nice. I think everyone should be able to have the pleasure of doing this.

A 10-year-old correspondent

Directory Update

Anne Mizoguchi, Janet Wegner, and Elin Quigley, along with a host of volunteers, are spearheading efforts to deliver an updated directory into your hands by late this fall, as a joint project of the Women's Club and the Citizens Associations of Garrett Park and Garrett Park Estates/White Flint Park. The last joint directory was in 1995. The blitz is planned for September; give us a call if you can help then with the canvassing (10 or 12 houses), taking a shift at the PO on Saturday mornings in September when the sun shines, making follow-up calls, typing, and/or proofreading. Contact Ann if you can help with advertising (or want to place an ad), the only job which is starting this summer. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We'll be contacting you and everyone else in September.

Elin Quigley

Letter from the Mayor

We now have signed leases for the new Penn Place with two of the previous tenants: the Post Office and the Beauty Parlor. The Post Office lease is a continuing one, and the Post Office has just signed a modification to add some minor items to the new facility. Other than that, the Post Office lease provides for what is called "like for like." That is, whatever space and equipment was in the old Post Office will be in the new one. There will be some improvements within those constraints, however. Mail deliveries will be through a separate door, improving safety for pedestrians and security for the mail carts. And a shared lobby between the Town and Post Office will be far more conducive to the social interchange that is such a critical element of the life of our Town. To the extent financially possible, we will try to create a pedestrian plaza in front of the building that will also be an attractive gathering place.

The Beauty Parlor will return to its old location, in a restored space with a glassed-in front porch replacing the built-out front of the old shop. The Town is still negotiating a lease agreement with the Garrett Park Café. The Town Council has appropriated a \$100,000 tenant improvement fund to assist the Beauty Parlor and Café in outfitting the new space, and the Beauty Parlor is paying the Town an additional \$10,000, as well as investing substantial sums of its own, to prepare the new facility for occupancy. We hope to reach agreement on the Café lease by early July.

The Council recognizes that it is providing special incentives to all three of these tenants, and is negotiating sole-source leases with the Beauty Parlor and the Café. It does this in the firm belief that these tenants will add value to the new Penn Place and will provide important services to the Town. In balancing its fiduciary responsibility in expending taxpayers' money with attracting businesses that enhance the new Penn Place and the Town, the Council is attempting to focus the expenditure of tenant improvement funds on items that will be of use to potential future tenants, after the current ones might leave. Reflecting the \$2.4 million public investment in rehabilitation of the building and surrounding area, and to

ensure that the historic nature of the 110-year-old building is preserved, the Council is retaining approval rights over interior design and construction of renovated spaces.

We now know that we had no choice but to undertake this project. Having discovered how structurally deficient the building has been, we are creating a facility that can be the center of Town life for the next century. Having essentially created a new foundation below the previous one and having replaced, reinforced, or structurally enhanced many parts of the old portion of the building, we are now ready, weather permitting, to begin the new portion. In the next few weeks you will see it begin to take shape. We hope that you will be as excited as we are to see it all start to come together.

Peter Benjamin

Progress at Penn Place

The underpinning of the existing foundation at Penn Place has been completed. Underpinning is a process of putting concrete footings beneath the existing stone foundation wall to increase the height of the wall, which will give approximately eight feet of headroom throughout the plaza level. The existing rear stone foundation wall has now been removed so that the counters of the Post Office work area, which will be partially in the lowered ground floor of the existing building, can be open to the town lobby in the new addition. The repair of the existing foundation walls is nearing completion, and excavation for the foundation of the new addition has begun.

Methods of correcting the structural, water, and insect problems to the existing building have been developed and priced, and many of them have already been completed.

As the Mayor reports on this page, the owners of Maison Maurice Beauty Salon, Carl and Delores Morris, have now signed a lease. They are working with Wiedemann Architects and the Penn Place Committee on the final design of their space. If you're interested in leasing space (or know someone who might be), please call Councilmember Carolyn Shawaker.

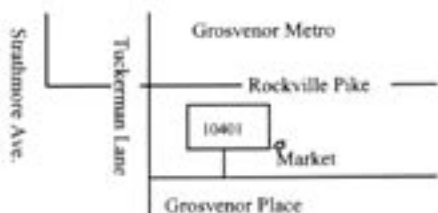
Also, we still have several architectural artifacts that have been removed from the building but will not be put back, and we're running out of storage space. Nancy Schwartz is looking for their new home. If you're interested (or know someone who might be), please call her.

Bob Reinhardt
Penn Place Committee

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Colin "Sam" Herrle, Jr.

Sam Herrle, of Kenilworth Avenue, died on May 14 at George Washington University Hospital. He was a life-long resident of the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

Born in January, 1931, in DC, he spent his early years living with his parents and two sisters on Aspen Street in Chevy Chase. He received his nickname "Sam" because his father's name was Colin, and so he became known as "semi-Colin" which eventually got shortened to "Sam." He graduated from Georgetown Prep in 1949 and received a BA in English and economics from Mount St. Mary's in 1953. After graduating, he spent two years in the U.S. Army. After discharge, he spent the next 32 years working in various management positions at AT&T. He then spent 8 years working for the General Services Administration.

In 1994, Sam retired from GSA to pursue his favorite pastimes, which included playing golf, fishing on the Chesapeake Bay, and cheering for the Washington Redskins. At the time of his death, he had lived in Garrett Park for 37 years, and was also a summer resident of Plum Point, MD. He was a member of Holy Cross Church and St. Anthony's Catholic Church in North Beach.

Sam leaves behind his wife of 42 years, Pat; sons Chris of Bethesda, Dan of Shady Side, and Patrick of Port Republic; and daughter Cynthia of Silver Spring; as well as a sister, Patricia Stock of Kensington, and granddaughter of Port Republic. His family and friends already miss his easygoing nature and mischievous sense of humor, but are comforted by their wonderful memories of him.

Cynthia Herrle

Laura Katherine Lawrence McCune Dittmann

Laura Dittmann, 85, died at home on May 27 from lung cancer. She was a Professor Emerita at the University of Maryland, an educator who specialized in early childhood development. She was a leader of the National Day Care Association in

Washington, DC, and in setting standard for such groups as the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She served as a consultant for "Footsteps," a series of 20 programs for parent education on developmental psychology that aired on PBS.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, Laura was a graduate of the University of Colorado, where she was designated Outstanding Senior Woman in her class. (Supreme Court Justice White was the Outstanding Senior Man of that class.) After retirement from the University of Maryland, and while still active in childhood education programs, she took the time to be a trustee of Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, volunteered for various charities, was a weaver, grew orchids in her home greenhouse, and vacationed at Rehoboth.

Her first marriage to John McCune ended in divorce. Her second husband of 39 years, Allen Dittmann, died in 1995. She is survived by two children, Sharrill Dittmann of Rockville and Mack McCune of Clarksburg, as well as two sisters. A memorial service was held at Cedar Lane Church on June 6. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Jewish Community Hospice, 6213 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852, or Crossway Community, 3015 Upton Dr., Kensington, MD 20895.

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4th of July Activities

This year the theme for our 4th of July parade is “100 Years of Flight” (and other great inventions), since this is the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers’ flight at Kitty Hawk. Ribbons will be awarded for the most creative, humorous, and original costumes, groups/families, individuals, or floats on this theme. Don’t limit yourself to airplanes: what else can you think of? Songs with *flying* in the title or words? Inventions that you can’t live without? Let your imagination soar!

The first event will be the 2-mile fun run and walk, starting at Penn Place at 8 am; as usual, help is needed. Next, the parade will assemble from 9:45 am in the GPES parking lot, and then start out on its route at 10:30 am. Participants under the age of 6 will not need to register to march in the parade. Ned Dolan will again act as our own Uncle Sam. Prize ribbons will be awarded after speeches at the basketball court next to the construction at Penn Place. “Candy Cane the Clown” and “Oh Susannah” will entertain after the parade. The hat will be passed to accept donations to help defray the cost of this event (plus the Newcomers Welcome and the Town Dinner). The Citizens Association will sell hot dogs (\$1), hamburgers (\$2), and drinks. Free popsicles will be given out to all parade participants.

The pool events will begin at 1 pm, and the manager requests that if you have any ideas for new or interesting events, please call (301-946-0175). The Belly Flop and Can Opener splash contests are slated for a re-run. The 18th annual softball game will be played behind GPES at 3 pm; call Dave Almy for information.

At 6 pm, join everyone at the back yard of the Town Hall for a picnic, with music by Mike Henley and his band. Bring your own food or purchase food from Lynn Foster, to be served at 6:30. (Make your dining reservation by email to Lchuckwagon@aol.com. Cost is \$15.95 per person, and \$8.95 for kids 8 and under. Dinner will include marinated grilled pork loin with Foster’s BBQ; blackened salmon; Garrett Park Café potato salad; apple, pecan, and blue cheese salad; strawberry and blueberry shortcake with vanilla ice cream; and lemonade. The menu will also be posted at the Post Office.) Tables and chairs must be dropped off at the Town Hall on July 3, with your name firmly attached to each piece. It is strongly recommended that you bring blankets to sit on for your picnic dinner to save space.

In case of threatening weather, call the weather hotline (301-933-7488) on the morning of July 4 to find out the status of the parade. The weather message decision will be made by 7:30 am for the fun run and walk, by 9 am for the parade, and by 4 pm for the picnic. In case of rain, only the parade will be run on Saturday, July 6, same times. Donations of time and money are what make this celebration of the birth of our nation run smoothly, so every little bit will help. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any of the activities (especially the parade), please call Matt Stavish. Any help will be greatly appreciated, especially for the fun run and the cooking detail. We’ll see you on the 4th and be prepared to enjoy a little of the Garrett Park traditional town spirit.

Women’s Club

Progressive Dinner: Nearly 100 residents enjoyed the evening’s good food and great company despite the rain. Special thanks to the hosts, especially Laura Dittmann (only 9 days before her death), the Keatings, Mayhews, Murnane/Mosers, Goldsborough/Faulkners, Heymans, Lincolns, Loebbs, Reinhardt/Andersons, and Petitos. Thank you to Florence Gootenberg for help with the Town Hall and to all participants. Mark your calendars for next year’s dinner for the last weekend in April. Please consider hosting: it is fun and not all that hard (ask this year’s hosts!)

Musicale: Once again, thank you to Sue Petito and the many talented musicians and singers of Garrett Park (and GP friends) who gave us all a wonderful musical afternoon for a great cause (a music scholarship for a GPES student).

Attic in the Street: Yes, this ever popular event will be back by demand, tentatively planned for either October 4 or 18. So, as you are cleaning out this summer, you can prepare to recycle all those attic, basement, and other deep storage treasures that have been collecting dust.

House and/or Garden Tour: Thank you to several folks who have already expressed an

interest in putting on a fall house and/or garden tour, perhaps to celebrate the Women’s Club 90th birthday—although a political/feminist event might be more appropriate. (The Women’s Club was founded as a civil action group; among other things, it was intent on getting women the right to vote.) We will be having a planning meeting in late June and always welcome more helpers.

Leadership: As you know, I am privileged to serve on the Town Council. I welcome the opportunity to turn over Women’s Club duties to those willing and able to take on the role. One of the great advantages is that the group’s strength is in its ongoing small groups and the activities that the Women’s Club sponsors, including the Lunch Bunch, exercise classes, Garden Club, musicale, December sing-along, New Year’s reception, progressive dinner, etc. These activities are almost self-sustaining and flourish because of the interest, commitment, and enjoyment of the participants. This makes the Women’s Club “leadership” role a great job ... and hardly any meetings. If you are hesitant, get a friend and share the job! Please call me if you are interested.

Elin Quigley

Green Again

We are green again this month, courtesy of Paul and Mary Jane Edlund; thanks to you both. The Citizens Association would also like to thank those of you who have paid your CA dues for this calendar year. If you haven't paid, please send a check for \$10 per family or \$5 per individual at an address in Garrett Park to Box 456, Garrett Park, MD 20896. Every resident in Garrett Park is a member of the Citizens Association as soon as you move here!

The *Bugle* staff will be taking the months of July and August off for a well-deserved rest. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the "folding staff," who meet one day a month to prepare the printed issues for mailing. Thanks to Bob and Eleanor Melville, Bonnie Tyler, Fred and Janet Howard, Louise Horn, Jane Salomon, and various others who fold, staple, and band the copies to be sent out. (Would anyone like to join the folding staff for one hour on the second Friday after the Council meetings?) Margaret Soltan and Carol Davies-Lillie gave reports on Town Council meetings during the year, and editors Mary Moyer and Barbara Collier, designer Linda Paine, and backup editor Carol Ballentine put the words and layout together. Jane Salomon is keeping the subscriptions up to date, and Mary is in charge of ads. Many hands do make light work, and without all those hands, this paper would not be as good as it is. Thanks to you all.

The deadline for the next issue is September 9, and the issue will be out by September 19. Have a nice summer. We'll see you in the fall at the Newcomers Welcome, set for September 24, 8 pm, at the Town Hall. Consider this your formal invitation. Everyone is invited to join us, newcomers and old timers alike, but especially those who have moved into the Park since September 2002.

Mary Moyer

Hazardous Waste

Upcoming household hazardous waste collection dates are Saturday, June 21, at Westland Middle School in Bethesda, and Sunday, July 13, at the Shady Grove Transfer Station. Both collections are from 10 am to 2 pm and free to county residents. Future dates are not yet posted, but these collections are generally scheduled regularly. Items accepted include insecticides, herbicides, paint thinners/solvents, unwanted fuels, mercury thermometers (can be traded in for free digital fever thermometers), used motor oil, car batteries, fluorescent bulbs, oil-based paints, etc. More information can be found on the Montgomery County web site or at the Division of Solid Waste customer service line (240-777-6410). One resident has noted that batteries used to be collected at the post office. Any thoughts, comments, or volunteers for reestablishing the practice? Thanks.

Elin Quigley